

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/014,589	MATSUMOTO, TADAO	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Steven D. Maki	1733	

All Participants:

(1) Steven D. Maki.

(2) Mark Nuell.

Date of Interview: 17 February 2005

Status of Application: _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

Time: _____

Type of Interview:

☒ Telephonic

☐ Video Conference

☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

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Claims discussed:

1-2 and 4-17

Prior art documents discussed:

Ikeda, Nakagawa and Consolacion

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

Steven D. Maki.

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: On 2-15-05, examiner noted that the subject matter at the last three lines of claim 1 is not supported by the figures whereas claims 15-17 are supported by the figures. Examiner proposed amending the last three lines after "groove," to -- wherein the knurled parts are provided only on said groove bottom--. Examiner commented that there is no suggestion to select the serrated portions at the bottom of the aquachannel of Consolacion et al and use them on both sides of the rib in the figure 4 embodiment of Ikeda. Examiner further commented that there is no suggestion to combine Ikeda and Nakagawa such that the knurled parts are provided only at the groove bottom since if the ribs extending along the sidewall of the groove are removed, air will not be discharged as taught by Nakagawa et al. Examiner also proposed amending the title. On 2-17-05, applicant's representative agreed to the changes in the examiner's amendment.